

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3774**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Electronic Transmission Prescription Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3774 amends Chapter 117 of Title 44 by adding Article 3, known as the South Carolina Electronic Transmission Prescription Act. The Bill provides that medical prescriptions may be transmitted electronically from physicians to pharmacists as long as they meet certain criteria prescribed in the Bill. The Bill provides for the confidentiality of information and requires the computers involved in transmitting and receiving such prescriptions have adequate security systems and safeguards. The Bill authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to suspend, revoke or restrict the pharmacist's license if s/he is found to have allowed confidential information to be compromised. The Bill prohibits a pharmacy or pharmacist from providing physicians with modems to encourage electronic transmissions.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Departments of Health & Environmental Control; Labor, Licensing and Regulation; and Mental Health each indicate that there would be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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